

**In The Claims:**

Cancel claim 22 and amend claim 25.

1-19. (Canceled).

20. (Currently amended). A supply line (3) for supplying or charging of coating application devices of a coating system, in particular the paint application device of a painting system with coating means such as, for example, paint, from one or a plurality of coating means containers or reservoirs, wherein the supply line has a valve device, which makes it possible that the coating means volume present in the supply line (3) is displaced counter to the direction of flow back into a coating means container or into a supply line, and the supply line (3) consists of a flexible, radially compressible hose (3), and this hose (3) is surrounded by a jacket hose or jacket tube (2), wherein the interstitial space (7) between the flexible hose (3) and the jacket hose or jacket tube (2) is impinged with a pressure medium by means of at least one valve device (4) connected with the interstitial space (7), and the supply line (3) can be compressed radially by application of a pressure medium on the external periphery, so that the coating means passage cross-section is minimized and any coating means volume present in the supply line is

forced out, and wherein the valve device (4) for impinging the interstitial space (7) between the jacket hose or jacket tube (2) and supply line (3) relative to the direction of flow of the coating means is arranged in the zone of the end of the supply line remote from the one or the plurality of containers, and so that impinging of the interstitial space (7) is done with a pressure medium flowing in a direction opposite ~~against~~ the direction of flow of the coating means at the time of application of the coating means.

21. (Previously presented). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the walls of the supply line can be collapsed by impinging of the external periphery with a pressure medium.
22. (Canceled).
23. (Previously presented). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the interstitial space between the supply line and the jacket hose or jacket hose is closed gas-tight vis-à-vis the environment, and the supply and removal of the pressure medium is done via inlet and outlet valves that are separated from each other.

24. (Previously presented). Supply lines according to Claim 23, wherein the pressure medium consists of air, and the pressure medium is passed in an open circuit.
25. (Currently amended). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the supply line consists of ~~Teflon~~ polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE) or a PTFE ~~Teflon~~ – coated carrier hose.
26. (Previously presented). The supply line according to Claim 20, wherein the supply line consists of polyurethane, and the jacket hose or jacket tube is comprised of polyamide.